

Merchantville, NJ September 10, 2018

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, September 10, 2018. Mayor Ted Brennan presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Kidd, Fitzgerald, Grasso and Sperrazza. Attorney Higgins, CFO Moules and Clerk Brouse were present.

PRIVATE SESSION-On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Sperrazza, Council entered into Private Session.

R18-128

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

John Grasso offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Matters of Possible Litigation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by **Daniel Sperrazza** and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Kidd	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. Fitzgerald	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. Grasso	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. Sperrazza	(X)	()	()	()
Mr. McLoone	()	()	()	()
Mr. Perno	()	()	()	(X)

On a motion of Mr. Fitzgerald and second of Mr. Grasso, Council voted to return to public session.

PUBLIC

Maria Nina Scarpa, 311 St. James Ave-status change in safe routes to school app?
School and Mara are working together to look at options but they should have an answer by next meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT-CC report on drainage attached, no cross over of run off from Community Center to residents. Mayor and Pennoni will meet with concerned residents at community site. Denise will set up. No bids were received for Roads project, will relook at bid. Working with Mara on lighting study and will pass it on to council re the feasibility study grant that the Boro received. \$47,000 hazard discharge funds.

CORRESPONDENCE-Verizon letter-no longer required to pay property tax in Merchantville in 2019 (We should ask for evidence)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kidd-JLB land dev ordinance reviewed and issued approval and refinements of proposal. Medical/Recreational marijuana Ordinance for review and considered for adoption on 9/24, August 31st was deadline for applications. Green Team-cans are placed around town, High School students interested in being involved. Early discussion at Merchantville School to add a Green Team in the school. No mow zone has been selected and will be dug soon.

Mr. Fitzgerald-Shade Tree-Getting list of damaged plaques and working on a plan. Wellwood Park tree shavings at Public Works, happier with response time for emails.

Mr. Grasso-Courts August down 14%, 353 added, 285 disposed, better than previous years. Police-in next phase of plan, stable leadership and officers. Callaway move to Detective.-Sergeant tonight. High moral level and interaction with community is going well. 3 burglaries to abandoned properties-open lock boxes to gain access. Community town watch was informed. Police report attached.

Public Events- 9/22 Yard Sale, 10/13 Music fest, Monsterville tie in? 11/22 Turkey Trot, Parade, car show, Clean Up day. Car Show will be something for everyone.

Mr. Sperrazza- Fire 20 calls, 182 for year, 2,818 man hours, training is coming up. Tom doing good job on inspection. Air BNB Ordinance-Kevin Patti is looking into it and will report to Dan Sperrazza.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION-Monsterville Event for 2018-

Asking for Mr. Perno to work on this again. Possibly the Music fest?

DISCUSSION-Regarding Holiday Parade to confirm date- December 7th.

DISCUSSION-Update on Community Center Drainage-discussed during Engineer portion.

DISCUSSION-Update on Police Area Project-Mr. Grassia gave update.

DISCUSSION-Update on Community Center Project

DISCUSSION-Update on Downtown Redevelopment Area-Viking presentation 9/17/18 at Borough Hall.

DISCUSSION-Update on Sidewalk Replacement Program-funding at meeting.

DISCUSSION-Update on West End Redevelopment Area-Old and new plan being done. New Plan includes triplex and are getting an appraisal to acquire to create parking in area.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL – Use of Facility for Merchantville PTA Pumpkin Patch-On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Fitzgerald, Council approved the use of Facility for Merchantville PTA Pumpkin Patch.

DISCUSSION- Public Works Proposals for Outside Services-Sept 11 open

DISCUSSION-Municipal Aid Roads Project Bid-on engineer report/no bids received. Spring time frame now, bid in February.

DISCUSSION-Updating and Adding of Certain Ordinances. Special needs listing, Peddling/Hawking, do not knock registry.

Resolutions to be read by consent agenda: On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Sperrazza, Council approved the following resolutions by Consent Agenda.

R18-123

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Merchantville, in the county of Camden, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$ **79,962.00**, which is now available as a revenue from the State Pursuant to the provision of the statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$ **79,962.00** is hereby appropriated under the caption Special items of Recreation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a donation of \$ **79,962.00** from:

DVRPC TCDI – Lighting Feasibility Plan	33,000.00
NJ Economic Dev Authority-Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund	46,962.00
TOTAL	79,962.00

R18-124

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A TAX SALE
PREMIUM FROM THE TRUST OTHER FUND TO THE CURRENT FUND**

WHEREAS, a tax sale took place 10/6/11, after which funds, including a \$2,200 premium, for block 25, lot 7 and a tax sale took place 10/11/12, after which funds including a \$1,900 premium for block 30, lot 6 were deposited into the Trust Other fund of the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, according to NJSA 54:5-33, if redemption is not made within five years from the date of the sale, the premium payment shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the municipality and become part of the funds of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder foreclosed using certificate #11-00026 on block 25, lot 7 and certificate #12-00036 on block 30, lot 6 and received final judgment making redemption of these liens impossible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that these premiums be transferred from the Trust Other fund to the Current Fund in form of a check in the amount of \$4,100.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the records of said block and lot be adjusted accordingly.

R18-125

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
APPOINTING, POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, with the Mayor concurring, that **BRIAN CALLAWAY** be and is hereby appointed as a Detective sergeant, of the Borough of Merchantville Police Department, effective September 10, 2108.

R18-126
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY
OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE
RETIREMENT STATUS OF POLICE SERGEANT MICHAEL FRANCIS
REILLY

WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Michael Francis Reilly (hereinafter, “Sgt. Reilly”) retired as a result of an ordinary disability retirement and, based upon the medical evidence, is totally and permanently disabled from the performance of his regular and assigned job duties as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Reilly is physically or mentally incapacitated from the performance of his usual or any other duties that the Borough of Merchantville is able to offer him, and there are no other positions at the Borough available for this employee; and

WHEREAS, had the Borough of Merchantville know that Sgt. Reilly would not be granted accidental disability retirement benefits, the Borough would have filed an application for Involuntary Ordinary Disability Retirement on behalf of Sgt. Reilly; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Reilly has met all of the requirements for ordinary disability retirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 43:16A-6;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville that, for all the reasons stated above, the request is hereby made to the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System that it treat the retirement of Police Sergeant Michael Francis Reilly as an Involuntary Ordinary Disability Retirement for all purposes.

R18-122 Amend Chapter 19 Curfew and Monsterville-On a motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Sperrazza, Council approved the following Resolution.

R18-122
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING CHAPTER 19 CURFEW FOR 2018 AND
RENAME THE BOROUGH FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville have established the curfew in the Borough of Merchantville by ordinance Chapter 19 adopted October 15, 2003; and

WHEREAS, council desires to amend the ordinance for the 2018 Halloween curfew on October 30 and 31, 2018 to extend curfew to 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, until 6:00 a.m.;

WHEREAS, council also desires to rename the Borough of Merchantville to Monsterville For the month of October, 2018

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville hereby establishes that the curfew be extended for October 30 and 31, 2018 for the Borough of Merchantville for 2018 and change the name to Monsterville:

Payment of Bills-On a motion of Mr. Kidd and second of Mr. Sperrazza, Council approved the payment of bills.

R18-127
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the Report of the Department of Accounts and Auditing be accepted and spread upon the minutes and the Treasurer be is hereby authorized to pay bill approved therein.

CURRENT FUND

REVENUE

BUDGET

CHECKS CURRENT FUND	2017 BUDGET		\$ 348.00
	2018 BUDGET	\$ 65,656.03	\$ 88,536.26
	GRANTS		\$ 4,713.14
	PFRS		
	PERS		
	DEBT SERVICE		
	BOARD OF		
	EDUCATION*		
	CAMDEN COUNTY		
WIRE TRANSFERS			\$
PAYROLL	8/17/18-8/31/18		123,045.54
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS			\$ 7,741.59
TOTAL CURRENT		\$ 65,656.03	\$ 224,384.53
SEWER UTILITY			
CHECKS SEWER FUND	2017 BUDGET		
	2018 BUDGET		
	DEBT SERVICE		
WIRE TRANSFERS			\$
PAYROLL	8/17/18-8/31/18		3,119.08
WIRE NJEIT LOAN			
WIRES /MANUAL CHECKS			
TOTAL SEWER		\$ -	\$ 3,119.08
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND			
CHECK CAPITAL FUND			\$ 26,690.33
MANUAL CHECK			
WIRE TRANSFERS			
PAYROLL	8/17/18-8/31/18		
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$ -	\$ 26,690.33
TRUST FUND			
CHECK TRUST OTHER			\$
FUND			2,060.84
WIRE TRANSFERS			\$
PAYROLL	8/17/18-8/31/18		4,358.50
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS			\$ 2,400.00
TOTAL TRUST		\$ -	\$ 8,819.34
SEWER CAPITAL FUND			
CHECK SEWER CAPITAL			
MANUAL CHECKS			
WIRE TRANSFERS			
PAYROLL	8/17/18-8/31/18		

TOTAL SEWER CAPITAL		\$	-	\$	-
ANIMAL TRUST FUND					
ANIMAL TRUST CHECK				\$	
				351.20	
		\$	-		\$
TOTAL ANIMAL TRUST					351.20
TOTAL BILL LIST & MANUAL CHECKS/WIRE				\$	\$
			65,656.03		263,364.48
		GRAND TOTAL			
				\$	329,020.51

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Freeholders meeting September 12 at Community Center 6:30
 Redevelopment meeting September 12 at Borough Hall 8:00
 Mutt Strutt- September 29
 Play with this- September 22
 Yard Sale- September 22
 Movie Night-9/12
 Concert in Park-9/19
 Turkey trot-11/22
 Music Fest-10/6
 Clean-up (Nov?)
 Holiday Parade/Breakfast w/ Santa
 Car Show July 13, 2019
 Beer Fest 10/13

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Mr. Grasso and second of Mr. Sperrazza the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk